

Klickitat County Voters' Pamphlet Guidelines for Ballot Measures

2016 Second Edition

Measures appearing on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot are required to have an explanatory statement and arguments for and against the measure. Rebuttals to submitted arguments are also allowed.

There will be an online voters' guide available for the General Election and a printed voters' pamphlet for the General Election if the Secretary of State publishes one.

All arguments and rebuttals shall be submitted electronically either by emailing voting@klickitatcounty.org or by submitting a CD.

Explanatory Statement

An explanatory statement is always required and must be submitted by the district submitting the measure. The explanatory statement is an explanation of the ballot measure and must be written in clear and concise language, avoiding technical and legal terms when possible. Explanatory statements must not exceed 250 words. Submit the explanatory statement by August 2, 2016.

Deadlines

The initial committee members must be appointed by the district presenting the measure no later than July 19, 2016. Within ten business days (August 2, 2016) committees must submit their initial arguments, committee rosters, and contact information.

The committee members must be formally appointed by the district presenting the measure no later than the resolution deadline. For the 2016 General Election, that deadline is August 2, 2016. (RCW 29A.32.280)

It is the recommendation of the Auditor's Office that the district inform the Elections Department at least one week before this deadline if you haven't been able to find committees to write the arguments either for or against the proposed measure. It is also our recommendation that you document the steps your district has taken to find committee members, including advertising.

After arguments are exchanged, committees have 5 business days to submit a rebuttal.

Argument

Arguments may consist of up to 250 words. Hyphenations count as 2 words.

All arguments must be in paragraph format without indentations.

The body of your argument may not include bold, underlining, or all caps. Only italics are permitted for emphasis. Headings will be printed in bold type.

Once submitted, arguments cannot be changed by the committee unless requested by the Auditor's Office or court order.

Committee Roster

Each committee shall have no more than 3 members, however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. Once submitted, committee rosters may not be changed.

Each argument or rebuttal must be followed by the names of the committee members who submitted them, and may be followed by a telephone number that citizens may call to obtain information on that ballot measure. This information does not count toward any word limits.

Rebuttals

After both sides submit their arguments, the Elections Department will give their statements to the other committees. Committees have 5 business days to submit their rebuttals.

Rebuttals may consist of up to 75 words. Only 1 paragraph is allowed with no indentations or headings.

Rebuttals may not include bold, underlining, or all caps. Only italics are permitted for emphasis.

Once submitted, rebuttals cannot be changed by the committee unless requested by Auditor's Office or court order.

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Review

A proof copy of the page as it will appear in the voters' pamphlet will be sent to each committee for review. Only errors made by the Auditor's Office may be corrected. Changes must be received within 3 business days after proofs are sent to committees.

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